



BREAKING their discussion long enough to sport their comradery are Stephen Primos, former ALMAGEST editor and SGA president; John Hardt, editor of Centenary's Conglomerate and Taylor Caffery, former Conglomerate editor. Not pictured is Margie Parvino who shot the photo.

### Almagest, Conglomerate

## Newspapers Initiate Editorial Exchange

In a speech before the President's Convocation at Centenary College, incoming dean, Dr. Theodore R. Kauss expressed critical views of the "priorities of our state" and state supported schools.

Dr. Kauss referred to Louisiana's proposed Super Dome as the "Super Dud" and called it "an elegant playpen for 25-year-old muscle men who pout and sulk because they earn only 40, 50 or \$100,000 a year. Meanwhile a major hospital faced the threat of losing its license because it needed an auxiliary generator."

Dr. Kauss went on to say that "hospitals and colleges must delay needed improvements until receipts are available from the new Bossier area race track."

### We Pledge Allegiance

In evident reference to state-supported colleges, Dr. Kauss lauded Centenary's financial independence: "We're not dependent upon funds raised by race tracks, lotteries or in-

creased taxes. More importantly, we don't and won't owe allegiance to politicians, bureaucrats or gamblers."

Rejecting this statement, John Hardt and Taylor Caffery, editor and former editor of the Conglomerate, Centenary's student newspaper, met with Margie Parvino and Stephen Primos, editor and former editor of the Almagest.

### Double Exposure

Discussed were the roles of the two colleges and ways in which the schools can co-exist.

Also discussed were the advantages that would come from joint student activities and two-fold cultural exposure.

The editors have initiated a forum and editorial exchange which will appear in both newspapers. Through free transmittance of ideas, it is hoped that the competition between LSUS and Centenary will cease and a concrete program of mutual cooperation will develop.

## Ball Heads Club

The New Environment Club, an organization that has been in the planning stage since last spring, has recently been formed.

Centered around the arts, the club's purpose is to promote an "aesthetic environment," according to faculty advisor Ann Terzia.

Planned activities include trips to art exhibits, student group projects to promote art on campus, paint-ins and sketching sessions. The club is planning to present two art sales during the school year.

Club officers are Judy Ball, president; Sharon Stephens, vice president; Virginia Walker, secretary; and Bev Maxtion, treasurer.

## Telescope To Be Mounted On Roof

The physics department is currently buying equipment for the new electronics laboratory. Equipment will include oscilloscopes, voltmeters and other instruments used in the field of electronics.

The science department plans to mount an eight-inch reflector telescope, which the university has acquired, on the roof of the Liberal Arts Building.

There are also plans to purchase a 7-inch Questar telescope at a cost of \$3,500.



# ALMAGEST

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY IN SHREVEPORT

## Check-Cashing Service Thanks To Pickett, SGA

The long-awaited hope of a campus check-cashing service has finally become reality, according to Bill Malone, Student Government Association president.

Pickett Food Service, which operates the grill in the Snack Shack, will now cash checks for an amount no greater than \$3. The privilege will be granted for a trial period of 60 days. "If students abuse the privilege, the service will be revoked," Malone said.

The check-cashing system is compliments of Pickett and is totally un-

related to the university. Malone assured the food service that they will not have problems with bad checks, because "people from LSUS will realize that it's a privilege and will not abuse it."

Used properly, the check-cashing privilege can build into other advantages, such as increased monetary

amounts and varied types of food being sold, Malone said.

### Not To Go

The only stipulation regarding check cashing is that students eat at the Pickett Grill operated in the Snack Shack.

The final filing date for SGA senate seats was Friday, Sept. 7. At last count, eight freshmen, six sophomores, nine juniors and one senior had filed for the positions.

Freshmen desiring senate positions are Dominic Salinas, Pam Jones, Rodney Watson, Joanie Spitzer, Tony Seidl, Cindy McManus, John Campbell and Timothy O. Hardy.

### Sophomore Competitors

Those competing for the sophomore seats are Carolyn Byrd, Paul Akers, Warren Bell, Mary Pacheco, Preston Friedly and David Towns.

Juniors in the running are Charles Edward Willis, Joe Gant, Jr., James M. Carter, George Leritte, Liz Evans, Bailey I. Smith, Rodney D. Owen, Randal M. Beach and William E. Gordon, Jr.

Senior Cyd Baker is the lone applicant desiring a senior senate seat, and Beverly Saulsbury has filed for the job of treasurer.

## Fraternity Gains Seventeen Additional 'Dirty Old Men'

Joe Gant, a 23-year-old senior sociology major, and Douglas R. Coutee, a freshman premedicine major are the first two black students to pledge Delta Omicron Mu' veteran's fraternity' in the four-year history of the organization.

Fifteen other students also have pledged the social and service organization comprised entirely of veterans of the United States armed forces.

Gant, 1920 Clanton St., Shreveport, is an 18-month veteran of the U.S. Army, having served his entire enlistment in Germany.

Coutee, 8048 Line Ave., Shreveport, served 28 months in the army.

### Veteran Pledges

Others who have indicated a desire to join the "Dirty Old Men" are Ken Anderson, Rodney Collier, Wayne A. Craig, Robin Currie, Donald Downs, George Goodwin, Richard Keskinen, James Long, Grover C. Lowe, D. J. Moore, Randall Smith, Lionel D. Wright, William R. Wim-

berly, Larry Wittgan, Mike Harper, Danny L. Hays, John Smith and Timothy Sloan.

Larry Hilton, DOM chairman, said a meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 16, at Riviera Apartments. Sponsors and officers for the coming year will be selected at the meeting.

### Party Planned

Hilton also said that a party is planned for Sunday, Sept. 23, at 12 noon at the state park site on Lake Bistineau. DOM and Beta Chi, business club, are co-hosting the gathering.

The fraternity will field at least two athletic teams, football and softball, in the intramural leagues this year, according to Hilton.

## BSU Has BYOL Bible Studies (?)

Baptist Student Union has extended its activities to a five-day planned program, according to Phyllis Kline, BSU president.

Lacking campus facilities, the group was granted permission by the Broadmoor Assembly of God Church to use its sanctuary, located near the Highway 1 school entrance.

Chapel is conducted on Mondays from 12-12:25 p.m. and on Tuesdays and Thursday from 12:30-1 p.m. Lunch, referred to as "Lunchen-counter," is served free of charge to all attending the BSU meeting Wednesdays at noon.

Fridays from 12-12:50 p.m., the group has a BYOL Bible Study, Miss Kline said, and the "L" stands for "Lunch," she was quick to add.

A city-wide gathering is held each Thursday night from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Centenary's Baptist Student Union Building, located on Woodlawn St. The Quarter Burger, so named because of its price, is served on these occasions.

BSU is an interdenominational organization and welcomes members of all faiths, Miss Kline said.



AT SUNDAY'S OPEN HOUSE, Shreveport Mayor Calhoun Allen presented to the university a proclamation designating that day as LSUS Day. Pictured with Mayor Allen are Dr. Donald E. Shipp, Chancellor; Sherry Bolin, SGA secretary; Bill Malone, SGA president and Dr. Gary Brashier, Asst. Chancellor for Academic Affairs. (Photo by Larry Hilton)

A student dance has been scheduled for Saturday, September 29, according to a spokesman for the Student Activities Committee. The time and place, as well as the name of the band, will be announced later.



# Editorials

## Cold War Is Over

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This article and all subsequent articles and letters on the subject will appear jointly in the two papers.

For too long in Shreveport, Centenary and LSUS have ignored each other's existence. In an address last week, Dean Theodore Kauss of Centenary briefly explored the relationship of public and private education in Louisiana. Notwithstanding some of his statements, we see many areas in which the two institutions could complement each other.

The advantages of calling a truce in the cold war that has long been waged between Centenary and LSUS are innumerable. For example, the possibility of an exchange program exists which would permit students from both schools to take advantage of courses not offered at their individual campuses.

A combination of resources and facilities would also open new areas of entertainment and cultural events—such as concerts by popular artists, lectures and combined sports activities on an intramural or varsity level.

With this basic understanding, the two papers are initiating this week a joint forum in which students' faculty and administrators can voice opinions and suggestions on how the two student bodies can better cope with existence in Shreveport.

Perhaps through cooperation we can begin to solve some of our mutual problems. We solicit both your help and opinions in resolving the present situation.

It's time for the war to end.

Margie Parvino, Editor, *Almagest*  
John Hardt, Editor, *Conglomerate*

## Who Needs Centenary?

Here we are attending a four-year public institution with little to offer except education. Having no union building or gymnasium or dormitories, which may or may not be necessary, creates a problem of atmosphere.

Simply, there is no place for students to congregate. Where do we go to entertain ourselves or to be entertained or work out in a gym etc. . . I don't believe the college is at fault directly. It's a matter of time. We happen to be here about five years too soon. However, the things we need, a gym, an auditorium, a music building and a union building exist across town — Centenary College.

### Closed Issue

In the past I have considered Centenary a closed issue. I didn't like it and it didn't want me. To a certain extent that still may be subconsciously true. Now I have changed my mind for various reasons, some selfish and some not.

Centenary has much to offer us in the form of college atmosphere and physical assets. What can we offer them at present, nothing but support. I don't mean direct contributions. If we could afford that many of us would be there now. Sometimes just the end of hostilities, overt or not, is far more support than one may realize.

LSUS is here to stay. It is here for the benefit of public education, not the sequential erosion of Centenary College. Why not work together? They have courses we don't offer and we have some they don't have. What's wrong with a student-instructor exchange program? Why can't we support their athletic program with participation and their drama program with the same? They can use the money and we can use the excitement and the enjoyment. We can exchange student newspapers and ideas. We could work together on civic projects etc. . . , which is for the benefit of us all anyway.

### Petty Prejudices

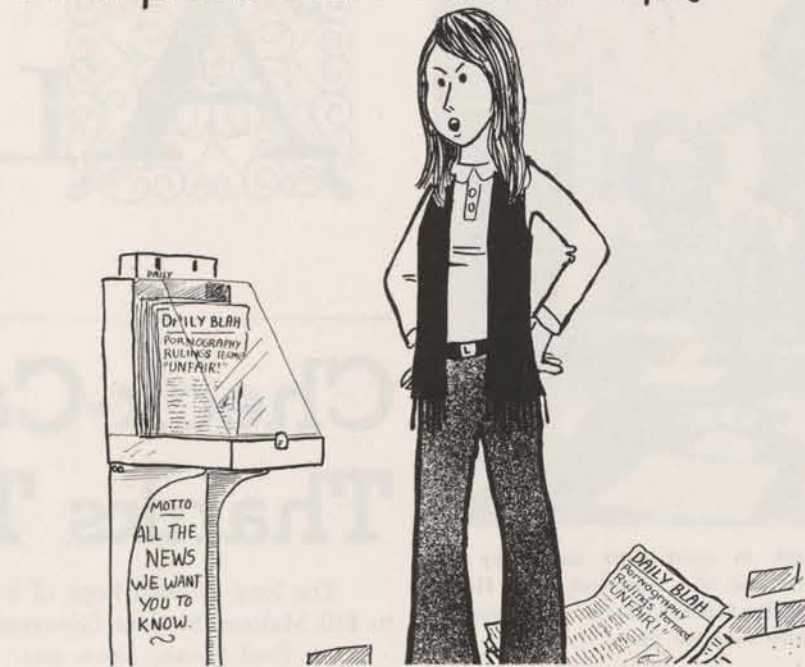
They are they, and we are we, but why segregate each other over petty prejudices? A university is people and it exists because of and is supported by society's acceptance of its goals. Choking one another to death isn't my bag. All we have to do is reach out a bit and pull together. Both of these institutions cannot exist without our support. If we as students want to work together, the administrations of each school assuredly can overcome any problems they may have.

The *Almagest* and the *Conglomerate*, Centenary's newspaper, will exchange editorials and ideas as a first step in communication. The papers will, by mutual agreement, report any and all progress of joint student committees.

Things won't get better until we make them better. Help us if you can. If you can't, don't drag your feet.

—Stephen Primos

"Funny how so many people who are fighting for 'freedom of expression' now didn't complain when the Supreme Court banned school prayer."



## Is Nixon Innocent Of Any Wrongdoings?

Being neither a politician or a statesman' just someone concerned with his future; being neither a war advocate nor a dissenter, just wanting to live free; being neither a Republican nor Democrat, just believing in truth and honesty; and being below the age of twenty-five, just naive enough to hope for better; this writer has to ask, as should all young Americans, is Richard Nixon, while serving as President of the United States, guilty of any wrongdoings against the country and the Constitution he swore to uphold?

Though it has been repeatedly stated that the Watergate hearings are only an investigative action by the U.S. Senate into irregularities during the election of 1972 by the Committee to Re-Elect the President, a major confrontation between the Presidency and the Senate has clearly surfaced.

While not actually a conflict between the executive and legislative branches of the government, it is a direct challenge by the Senate to Nixon and his concept of the Presidency and executive powers. From these hearings, what have we learned or have they proved?

### Negligent or Arrogant?

Besides the basic questions of Nixon's involvement in the initial planning of the original burglary and the subsequent efforts of cover-up, other questions arise: is he guilty of negligence, arrogance and a disregard for the oath of office he took on January 1969?

Is this wall of arrogance and aloofness from the public, which has been synonymed to the concept portrayed during the times of kings and the idea of divine right of the ruling class, present? Has the President surrounded himself with such?

Did his top aides control who could and could not see Nixon to the point of removing the President from the moods and needs of the people and country? If a President is unattainable and unreachable, does he know and understand the problems and wants of the nation?

### What About the Tapes?

Also, not to be forgotten is the question of executive confidentiality in regards to illegal acts. Of all the questions posed so far, this one will be decided by the courts in the future, which leads us to the major questions directly asked of Nixon.

With all of the incriminating charges and accusations made against him, why has Nixon not brought forward the evidence to clear himself? Why will he not allow some sort of

impartial review board to hear the tapes and report, discreetly if necessary, on their findings?

The questions could go on and on, for Watergate has not only confused and bewildered many, it has aroused Americans to question more intently the administration and public officials, and to demand answers.

### We Seek Answers

This is the way it should be in a free country, the right to question and seek answers from those elected to govern us.

For all of us who love this country and believe in it, until these questions are answered honestly and emphatically, our heritage and conviction of a government of the people, for the people, and by the people is also questioned.

—Tony Seidl

## Nixon Has Good Plan

Last week, President Richard Nixon announced a plan which would increase United States' energy, foil Arab threats and ease clean-air standards. Nixon, asserting the U.S. cannot be "at the mercy of" Middle East oil producers, announced an eight-point energy development program.

Although Nixon has been heavily criticized in the past, and whether or not he is directly involved in the Watergate scandal is not known, he has done something that could surely help the country in its energy crisis.

The United States must try to supply itself with needed goods, because it has learned in the past that other nations can not be completely trusted.

### Liberalize Restrictions

Nixon said administrative action will be taken to liberalize current restrictions on the sulphur content of oil used industrially. This should increase the supplies of heating oil and unless those standards are changed, individuals and companies could suffer this winter.

Four pending bills that would be passed according to highest urgency are the building of an Alaskan pipeline, the development of deep-water tanker ports, deregulation of natural gas at the wellhead and encouragement of widespread strip-mining of coal, especially in the West.

Nixon also announced that the administration would take administrative action to relax emission standards, develop the Elk Hills naval oil reserve in California, step up sharply the development of nuclear power and finance research on extracting vast coal reserves.

### Win Support

Finally, Nixon added that the U.S. would continue to import oil from the Mideast, Venezuela and Canada if possible, but would be aware of any unfriendly attitude toward them.

With the announcement of his plan, Nixon is not only trying to win back the support of some who have strayed, but he is trying to stabilize the nation's economy.

Every part of his plan is sound, and if he gets the support he needs from Congress and the voters, the plan should become very effective and the U.S. should be back on its way to becoming stable.

—David Graham



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# Someone's Watching You

By TRUDY HENDERSON

Most students picture the library as the dull commonplace in which to study. Many never set foot in the library except to get an assignment imposed upon them by their instructor.

While the student must tolerate these impositions, it should also be noted that unusual things, far from dull, occur quite frequently in the library.

## From Crew Cuts to Ponytails

These unusual things are most often observed by the student worker at the checkpoint desk which is located in view of those entering or leaving the library. The primary purpose is to check books going out of the library, but quite often the attendant will "check out" other things as well.

The people who enter the library are commonly under a watchful eye. There was once a time when student men who made their way into the library wore a crew cut and carried a brief case. Now, the checkpoint observer will often gaze in wonder at the complicated braided design where an Afro use to be.

## Watch Your Step

If traffic is slow, the student worker can always look around on the floor and watch crickets dodge the crunching feet of students. Better yet, the worker can turn his attention to the outside and watch cats and dogs trail the students.

On one occasion a man's dog followed him from the parking lot to the library but was unsuccessful in making his way into the lobby.

## The Blue Baron

Unusual incidents happen quite regularly. For instance, during the first week of the semester a checkpoint attendant spied a student in a blue airplane coming down the stairs. With great difficulty he navigated through the door and zoomed off into the mall.

This summer some of the instructors staged their own small scale parade by lining up in a row and pushing their chairs from the library across to the liberal arts building.

## Snakes, Bombs and Stripshows

The checkpoint worker experiences many things in a day. From people who state they have snakes in their brief cases, to those who warn that a bomb will explode upon opening. There are those who will even go to the extreme and threaten to stage a

strip so they can be checked. The worker takes this all in stride and considers it a part of the job.

So the next time you are in the library, just look around. Maybe, just maybe, you'll observe something or someone, unusual.

## Symphony House Attains Honor

By SANDRA BELLAR

Because the hard work of the members of the Shreveport Symphony and the Women's Guild, Shreveport has attained recognition as a cultural center and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

This news has added excitement and sophistication to the ticket sales drive as the Symphony enters its 26th season.

Ticket sales are used to maintain the Shreveport Ballet Company and the Art Exhibits in the Civic Center. Activities of volunteers are endless in providing cultural enrichment to young citizens.

The National Register of Historic Places has listed Symphony House on Woodlawn Avenue in the elite register which is the first time that any Shreveport establishment has achieved this honor. This puts Shreveport in the position of being listed as a tourist attraction on the national level; but more important it entitles Shreveport to special government funds.

A ticket purchase entitles a patron to nine scheduled concerts: Oct. 7-8, guitarist Carlos Montoya; Oct. 28-29, Two Generations of Brubeck; Nov. 11-12, soprano Mary Costa; Dec. 9-10, violinist Charles Treger; Feb. 3-4, pianist Ted Joselson; Feb. 24-26, Opera "Of Mice and Men;" March 17-18, First Chamber Dance Company and April 7-8, pianist Leonard Pennareo.

Any student — including adult students — may purchase a ticket for \$15.00. Many large cities charge ten times this amount. With the program schedule varied to appease every musical taste and a chance to support the city as a cultural center, it would be beneficial to take advantage of this entertainment bargain.



THE CHECKPOINT WORKER had to blink twice to see if it really was John Gianforte zooming around the mall.

## I Think That There Can Never Be A Beautiful Campus Without Trees

By KENNAN GINGLES

From the looks of the Sycamore trees on campus, it won't be long until the crew in charge of maintaining the grounds at LSUS will be putting away some of their equipment as the browning of leaves signals that fall is approaching.

The workers have labored all summer mowing, trimming, planting, watering and fertilizing some of the 2,000 trees and shrubs, as well as flowers and grass, that adorn the campus.

### Nash has a "green thumb"

Live Oaks, Magnolias, Arizona Ash, Junipers, Japanese Rain Trees and Crepe Myrtle are just a few examples of the different trees and shrubs that abound on our campus. Noel W. Nash, LSUS building and maintenance superintendent, oversees the care and maintenance of our landscaping. Nash described his duties as

involving anything having to do with the physical layout of the campus.

### Types of Equipment

According to him, the work of mowing grass on campus will soon be over, with the grounds getting only one more clipping before the workers devote their energies to the month-long chore of servicing and repairing their equipment so that it will be ready next spring.

The Maintenance Department utilizes two large tractors, one equipped with a Bush Hog and the other with a reel-type mower to cut the open undeveloped areas of the campus. Closer in to the buildings, a small

tractor and two push-type mowers are used for the purpose.

### Future Tasks

Following the completion of the servicing and maintenance work, Nash said one of the next tasks facing his department will be the pruning of the trees on campus.

"When the plants become dormant, after the first frost, that's when to prune, except for the evergreens. You can prune them anytime, but its best to prune them in the fall, too," Nash said.

### Insulation against the cold

The workers began their work of preparing the trees and shrubs for winter earlier. "Last month we put about ten bales of peat moss and about ten yards of topsoil around the Junipers."

Nash said that the peat moss and tree bark, also used, would aid the soil in holding moisture and would act to insulate the plants against cold temperatures.

### Problems in Maintenance

Unfavorable weather conditions and damaged equipment usually account for most of Nash's problems in maintaining the grounds.

However, an attack of Bagworms on the trees was probably the most serious of his problems this summer. The worms, which later develop into moths, form cocoons and feed at night on the foliage. Spraying the trees with an insecticide solved the problem, he said.

Looking ahead, Nash said plans call for the planting of 40 Live Oak trees to form an "Avenue of Trees" stretching on either side of the sidewalk from the flagpole to the front entrance of the campus. Nash said the trees are to be planted in the spring.

## Rewards Outweigh Chaos

By JENNIFER STIERMAN

The phone rings constantly and Mrs. Overlease answers it in the same efficient voice every time. "Student Affairs," she announces, and it happens again.

Another inquiring voice demands information. This time it's a would-be employer of an LSUS student wanting to know if Mrs. Overlease (familiarly known as "Mama," and officially as Dr. Purdy's secretary) can recommend a baby-sitter. No, she can't—although Mrs. Overlease claims that baby-sitting LSU student organizations is one of her own jobs.

### Walking Encyclopedias

Mrs. Overlease, with the help of Liz Evans and Sherry Bolin, runs the Student Affairs Office. General Information Bureau is not the accepted name for the Student Affairs Office, but telling all kinds of people all kinds of things is one of its first functions. The Student Affairs Office is expected to know everything. Does it? "Hopefully," says Mrs. Overlease.

The Student Affairs Office handles student organizations, student publications, campus security, placement and student aid, intramural sports, lost-and-found items, the University Calendar, the sickroom and vehicle registration.

### No Nurse on Duty

When an emergency arises and a student must be found immediately, it is the Student Affairs Office which finds him. When an organization

wants to hold a meeting, the Student Affairs Office will book the back room of the Student Union for it.

Since no registered nurse is on duty in the sickroom, a student in need of repairs must yield to the administrations of Mrs. Overlease or one of her assistants. The functions of the Student Affairs Office are seemingly endless.

Mrs. Overlease, Liz, and Sherry love the work. Sherry said, "When you first start working here, it's bedlam." The rewards must outweigh the bedlam, though, because Sherry Bolin has worked for the Student Affairs Office for almost as long as she's been at LSUS or for two years. Mrs. Overlease's tenure has spanned four years and two bosses. Liz Evans has survived in the Student Affairs Office for nearly two years.

### Students Welcomed

The Student Affairs Office has one primary goal: to serve the students. Mrs. Overlease and the girls who work in the office all agree that students should be able to come into their office whenever they want to.

Mrs. Overlease summed it up. "We want the students to feel that this is one place where they're always welcome."



DR. MARTIN WOODIN, LSU system president, spoke at the dedication of the Liberal Arts Building, Sunday, Sept. 9. (Photo by Larry Hilton)

## Room 225

Behind that door in the liberal arts building the literary publication which has been referred to in the past as *Narcissus*. The creative minds for the 1973-74 year are Jennifer Stierman, editor, Janet Johnson, art editor, Tom Haywood, Wayllon Sims, Jim Shaw and Janet Griffin.

Something new—the publication will come out by semesters!



# Bench Remarks

By TERRY HARGIS

The LSUS intramurals have finally gotten underway with men's flag football heading the program. Also planning to get under way in intramural action in the near future is men's softball, women's basketball, women's volleyball and coed badminton.

All of the indoor sports will be held in the National Guard Armory at Fort Humburg on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

## 16 Teams to Compete

The teams that will compete in the flag football league will each play four games. There are 16 teams competing in the league. They are Max Pac, Beta Chi B, Football Freaks, DOM, River Rats, Studs, BF's, Greenway Gang, PE Club, Health Science Club, BSU, Muhfuggers, Mud City Marauders, Biology Club and two independent teams.

In men's softball four teams have signed up so far. They are Max Pac, DOM, PE Club, and The-over-the-hill-gang.

## Women Fail to Respond

On the women's side of the intramural program the response has been very disappointing. In women's softball only two teams have signed up and in flag football only one group of girls have shown interest. There has been no response to the women's basketball league at press time.

There are 32 games scheduled in the men's flag football league with games beginning September 10 and ending on October 4.

## Intramural Flag Football Schedule September 10

field #1  
5 p.m. Football Freaks v. Studs  
5:55 River Rats v. BF

## Health Sciences Seeks Members

The Eta Sigma Gamma, or the Health Sciences Club is recruiting new members.

The club, formulated last spring, is designed for students with an interest in the health sciences field and who have a grade average of 2.0 or higher.

The club plans this year a tour of local hospitals to observe surgery and listen to lectures from well-known persons in the health sciences field.

Aside from medically oriented activities the club has parties and other social gatherings including an annual "big trip." Last year's trip was a tour of New Orleans.

The dues are \$3 per semester with a \$2 initiation fee.

The sponsors of the clubs are Dr. Selvestion Jimes, Dr. Ronald Martin, Dr. Richard Spears and Dr. Bobby Dowden.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 20  
SGA Elections  
September 21  
SGA Elections  
SGA Movie—"The French Connection"—SLA—7:30 p.m.

## TYPING

Pickup & Delivery  
635-3009



field #1  
5 p.m. Max Pac v. Freenway Gang  
5:55 BSU v. DOM  
September 13

field #1  
5 p.m. Ind. 2 v. Ind. 3  
5:55 P.E. Club v. Biology Club

field #2  
5 p.m. Muhfuggers v. Beta Chi B  
5:55 Health Science Club v. Mud City Marauders

September 17  
field #1  
5 p.m. Max Pac v. Ind. 2  
5:55 BSU v. Muhfuggers

field #2  
5 p.m. Mud City Marauders v. Beta Chi B  
5:55 Biology Club v. Ind. 3

September 20  
field #1  
5 p.m. DOM v. Studs  
5:55 Greenway Gang v. BF  
field #2  
5 p.m. PE Club v. River Rats  
5:55 Health Science Club v. Football Freaks

September 24  
field #1  
5 p.m. Beta Chi B v. DOM  
5:55 Ind. 3 v. Health Science Club  
field #2  
5 p.m. BF v. PE Club  
5:55 Studs v. Health Science Club

September 27  
field #1  
5 p.m. Muhfuggers v. Mud City Marauders  
5:55 Ind. 2 v. Biology Club

field #2  
5 p.m. River Rats v. Max Pac  
5:55 Football Freaks v. BSU

October 1  
field #1  
5 p.m. Beta Chi B v. Football Freaks  
5:55 Ind. 3 v. River Rats

field #2  
5 p.m. BF v. Biology Club  
5:55 Studs v. Mud City Marauders

October 4  
field #1  
5 p.m. PE Club v. Max Pac  
5:55 Health Science Club v. BSU  
field #2  
5 p.m. DOM v. BSU  
5:55 Greenway Gang v. Ind. 3

## Announcement

The LSUS Law Society will meet on Tuesday, September 18, at 12:30 p.m. in LA 433. All pre-law and political science students are invited to attend.

# Repair Racket Is Big Rip-off!

By TERRY HARGIS

Choosing an auto repair shop is one of the most important decisions you have to make as a consumer. The wrong decision could be very costly.

## Not State Inspected

There are close to half a million repair shops in the country, but not a single state requires a mechanic or a garage to be inspected by the state.

There are five major divisions of repair shops. They are the new car dealer, gasoline stations, franchise operators, mass merchandisers and independent shops.

The new dealer is a bad place to buy minor parts such as spark plugs, mufflers, shock absorbers, brakes, etc. The only time that it is wise to use your car dealer is while your car is still in warranty. Then you run into the problem of the service being slow and of poor quality.

## Stations Good for Minor Repairs

Gasoline stations are good places to get minor repairs but anything more complicated than patching tires, changing oil, or lube jobs should be taken elsewhere.

Franchise operators often get in a financial bind with their franchiser and in order to relieve this burden they offer special prices to lure the customer in. Once they have the "fish on the line" they attempt to convince him that he needs more costly repairs.

If you stick by your guns and insist on only what you came for, chances are that you'll get inadequate repairs.

Mass merchandisers such as Sears, Penney's, Globe or major tire manufacturers only offer the high priced repairs. Tune-ups, front-end alignment and brake repairs are their major money makers. They also use advertising to lure you in and then try to sell you more than you bargained for.

## Independents Best Place

The independent garage is the best place to have repairs taken care of. Because the garage is in competition with all the other repair shops, and usually doesn't have to go through the middle man, he can give you a more competitive price. He also has to rely on his good service to keep you coming back.

Taking all of these tips into consideration, and with a little luck, you could be one of the lucky people who never have any problems with repairs. As for the rest of us "suckers," we will keep on driving our "lemons" and lose our money just as before.

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